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430th CIC Detachment
Sub Detachment "B"
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Gmunden Field Office
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: ADAM, Jon
Villa Ruston
Bahnhofstrasse 25, Gmunden
Bezirk Gmunden, Land Upper Austria

RE : Investigation

1. Predicated upon a verbal request from Chief of Operations, 430th CIC Detachment, Sub Detachment "B", and pursuant to instructions of Agent in Charge, Gmunden Field Office, the following investigation was conducted.

2. Jon ADAM, currently residing in the Villa Ruston at Bahnhofstrasse 25, Gmunden, was born 15 March 1915 in Cluj, Rumania.

3. Subject appeared in Gmunden early in March accompanied by an unknown man and woman claiming that they were from Salzburg and that Subject was a journalist representing a Scandinavian Press Office with interests in South-East Europe. Subject further stated that he wished to find office space in Gmunden and that he would need a secretary.

4. In the latter part of April 1950, numerous informants and friends of this office reported the strange actions of Subject who was allegedly in contact with Stefan PROG, Adrian BRATEANU, Arthur SCHREHOFER and Alois SCHREHOFER (brother to Arthur), also connected with this group are Hermine JOSWIS and Baronin von BRAUN. This group is suspected of collaborating with the Soviet element. Alois SCHREHOFER, a Viennese student, is allegedly the contact man. Subject is reportedly in contact with Gerhardt STRASCHKE, a Slavik man.

5. In the course of investigating a felony case on 20 July 1950, Gendarm SCHATZEL, Gendarmeriepost Gmunden, called on Frau RUSTON, (Adam's landlady). At this meeting the Gendarm saw Subject for the first time and was told by Frau RUSTON that he was her tenant of several months.

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After further investigation, SCHATZEL discovered that ADAM registered at the Meldeamt on 1 July 1950 and one Ion ADAM appeared on the Austrian Wanted List so he returned to the Villa Ruston to see ADAM and was surprised to meet Bishop LEU, who Subject said had been staying with him for a few days. The Bishop introduced himself to the Gendarm and showed him his papers, LEU told the Gendarm (through Subject) that his permanent residence was the Kirchenwirt in Salzburg. Later a check with the Sicherheitsdirektion in Salzburg revealed that LEU was not known at this address. After a conference with his chief Gendarm SCHATZEL returned to the Villa Ruston early in the morning of 24 July 1950 and brought the Bishop and ADAM to the Gendarmerie office in Gmunden for interrogation.

6. The Gendarmerie in order to conduct separate interrogation borrowed an interpreter from this office who spoke French as the Bishop spoke only French and Rumanian.

a. Bishop Victor Vasile LEU, born 13 March 1905 in Oances, Rumania, talked freely to the Gendarmerie and stated: He left Rumania on 23 August 1948 because he feared arrest. He went to Yugoslavia where he was interned at Kovacic near Belgrade, on release from there he continued to Graz, Austria, arrived there on 9 January 1949. The Bishop went to Graz because prior to his flight the British Legation had agreed to have papers waiting for him there which would enable him to go to London, England. He now has papers issued by the British Home Office and signed by the Chief Inspector of Immigration. LEU claimed that the reason for his trip to Austria was to perform religious rites to the Rumanian Orthodox people and to send children to Sweden for schooling.

b. Ion ADAM stated only that he came from Camp Wegscheid, Lins, lives in the Villa Ruston, has no occupation and receives his money from the Bishop. The Gendarmerie believed that ADAM is working for some Occupation Power and most probably in intelligence by virtue of his acquaintances.

7. This office interviewed LEU on 24 July 1950 in reference to his flight from Rumania. The names ADAM and BRATEANU have frequently been cropping up so when the Bishop stated he knew ADAM and through him knew BRATEANU since 1 July 1950, he was requested to return the next day but answered "no" he had more important things to do. This agent went to the Villa Ruston and asked Bishop LEU if he would accompany him to the CIC offices to talk to Mr. Yanecko, this time the Bishop accepted. ADAM, who was present, stated to this agent the CIC was bothering him by sending

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the Gendarmerie to his apartment. He further said he was going to complain to the CIC Chief and then showed the note which follows to this agent.

"TO: Agent in Charge

In case of any doubts regarding Ion ADAM living at Villa Ruston Gmunden please communicate immediately Major Seavers (Lins) and have him contact Mr. G. L. McCarthy at Salzburg 4592 or 4285 (after duty hours).

8. This office received confirmation of Subject's American contacts from CIC Sub Detachment "B" and stopped investigation.

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